

Tigers Clinch Pennant by Blanking Indians While Athletics Defeat Yankees

ROOKIE BEATS TRIBE ON YORK HOMER, 2-0

Giebell Pitches Tigers Into World Series—2-Run Shot in Fourth Stops Indians

FELLER'S 3-HITTER IN VAIN

Women Among 45,553 Shower Fruit, Bottles at Bengals—Tebbetts Knocked Out

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CLEVELAND, Sept. 27—The American League's spectacular pennant race came to a dramatic and abrupt end today on two fronts when Detroit's fighting Tigers conquered Bob Feller and the Indians, 2 to 0, an hour or so after the tidings had been flashed in from Philadelphia that the Athletics had brought to a close the four-year reign of the world champion Yankees.

The Detroit victory, amazingly achieved by a 25-year-old rookie right-hander, Floyd Giebell, with the aid of a home run by Rudy York, came in the opening clash of a three-game series. It clinched the flag for Del Baker's doughty Bengals, who, by bringing to Detroit their first American League championship since 1935, won the right to meet the Reds, the National League's standard bearers, in the world series, which opens in Cincinnati next Wednesday.

Two more games remain to be played here before the regular season closes on Sunday, but they can have no bearing on the outcome so far as the Tigers are concerned. They may, however, still keep Ossie Vitt's crestfallen Tribe in second place, to which the Clevelanders were still clinging tonight by a half-game margin over the Yankees.

Crowd Gets Out of Hand

The Indians' defeat stunned a ladies' day crowd of 45,553 which had put on a most amazingly unruly demonstration as it showered the Tiger players with fruit and vegetables. So unruly, in fact, did the gathering become that at one stage early in the conflict it was feared a forfeiture of the game might result.

Curiously, most of the disorder came from the women guests of the management, who, numbering about 15,000, sat in the upper right and left wings of the huge grandstand. Those in the right wing sat quietly enough for a while, but the "left wingers," for some reason, took a violent dislike to Hank Greenberg, Detroit left fielder, and concentrated their fire in his direction.

They made a shambles of the playing field during the batting and fielding practice and when attendants finally succeeded in clearing away the debris at game time, another barrage came down as Greenberg caught a fly ball in the first inning.

Out of the Detroit dugout rushed Manager Baker to protest to the umpires, and a few minutes later came a plea by the announcer through the amplifiers that unless the throwing ceased "the manager of the Detroit club would take his team off the field."

Umpires Threaten Reprisal

The umpires also had it announced that if a Tiger player was interfered with in making a play the Cleveland batter would automatically be declared out.

This, however, merely served to abate the storm until the next inning, when, with the Tigers showing some activity in their bullpen directly beneath the right-field wing, another brisk fire followed, almost resulting in a serious injury when somebody tossed a basket filled with tomatoes, empty bottles and other rubbish from aloft. It struck George Tebbetts, Tiger catcher, on the head and knocked him flat.

This resulted in a ten-minute interruption, during which Tebbetts was helped to the Tiger dugout, where he was soon revived.

The incident finally subdued the crowd, which for most of the game then sat in sullen silence as it watched a mere stripling write finis to as near a chance as Cleveland has had to win a pennant since Tris Speaker's Tribe of 1920 brought to the Forest City its only American League championship.

Most of Fans Cheer Victors

However, at the end the better element in the crowd, which appeared to be far in the majority, showed its true sportsmanship by joining in a vociferous outburst of applause for the victors as the jubilant Detroiters gathered around young Giebell and triumphantly carried him off the field on their shoulders.

York's homer, his thirty-third of the season, with one on base in the fourth had sunk a homeric effort on the part of Feller to keep the Indians in the flag race. Feller, seeking his twenty-eighth victory, had allowed only three hits in this supreme bid.

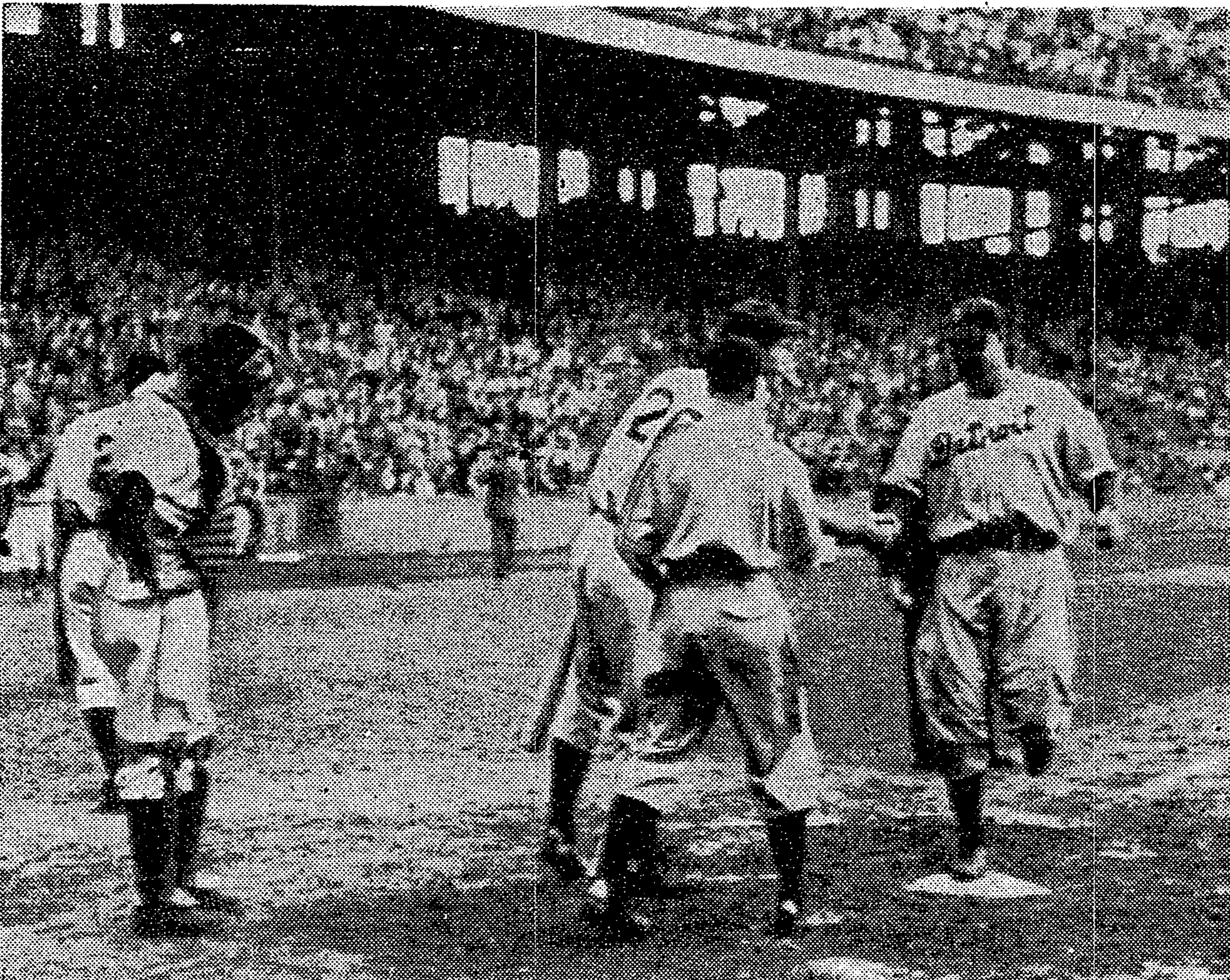
However, it was Giebell who was the real hero of this dramatic conflict. Although there had been a feeling that the crafty Baker would withhold his ace mountsdman, Schoolboy Rowe, until the second game of the series tomorrow, the selection of this young right-hander came as a distinct surprise.

Curiously, the quiet, unassuming Baker, who is about to engage in his first world series, was taking no bows tonight. It was later disclosed by him that the choice of Giebell was that of his players.

"This morning," said Baker, "I called a meeting of my older players and asked them for their opinion on the day's pitching selection. We needed only one game in this series, and though Rowe was willing and eager to face Feller I was ready to start some one else if my players wanted me to. Their unanimous choice was Giebell."

And from the performance the young man gave today he never threatened to let his comrades down. A Beaumont, Texas, product two years ago, he reported to the Tigers last Spring and was then farmed out to Buffalo. He was recalled only ten days ago and since then had pitched only one game, defeating the Athletics.

Because he has been with the club



YORK SCORING ON DRIVE WHICH WON FLAG FOR THE TIGERS

The Detroit first baseman crossing the plate after hitting his thirty-third homer of the season, which came with Charlie Gehringer on base, in the fourth inning at Cleveland.

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such a short time, he will not be eligible for the world series.

Giebell allowed only six hits, all singles.

The first scoring chance came in the second inning, and it came to the Tigers when Greenberg opened with a low drive to left center which Roy Weatherly misjudged in the sun and dropped for a double. A long fly to right by York sent Hank to third, but though Bruce Campbell drew a pass, Pinky Higgins ended the threat by slamming in a double play.

The break in the fourth came when, with one out, Gehringer walked. Amid tremendous shrieks and cheers, Greenberg struck out, but York silenced the crowd a moment later with his blow into the stands.

The Indians' first big scoring chance came in the third when Ray Mack's grounder was fumbled by Bartell. Ray scooted to third on Rollie Hemsley's single to right, but from this inviting beginning the Indians could do nothing.

In the fourth came Cleveland singles by Roy Bell and Ken Keltner, but these blows fell with two out, and Mack supplied the third with a strikeout.

The last big chance came in the seventh. Mack opened this threat by banging a single off Giebell's glove, and when Gehringer booted Hemsley's grounder the Tribe had runners on first and second with nobody out. Feller, left to bat for himself, delivered a neat sacrifice.

The crowd was now beseeching the Indians to tie the score, but amid a chorus of groans Chapman struck out for the third straight time and Weatherly brought the inning to a close by grounding to Higgins.

Thus Detroit won its sixth American League pennant. Back in the days of the late Hughie Jennings the Tigers won three successive flags from 1907 to 1909, although defeated each year in the world series.

After that the Motor city had to wait a quarter of a century until the dynamic Mickey Cochrane piloted the Tigers to a pennant in 1934, only to lose to the famous St. Louis Gas House Gang and Dizzy Dean in the world series.

The following year the Tigers won the pennant again, scoring also over the Cubs for the world title.

The box score:												
DETROIT (A.)						CLEVELAND (A.)						
Bartell, ss...	2	0	2	1	1	Chapman, lf...	3	0	0	2	0	0
McDuck, cf...	3	0	1	0	0	Weatherly, cf...	4	0	0	0	0	0
Grinner, 2b...	1	0	2	1	1	Boudreau, ss...	4	0	3	5	1	
Greenb's, lf...	3	0	1	1	0	Trosky, lb...	4	0	0	8	0	0
York, 1b...	4	1	1	0	1	Bell, lf...	4	0	2	0	0	
Campbell, rf...	2	0	2	0	0	Keltner, 3b...	4	0	1	4	0	
Higgins, 2b...	2	0	0	4	0	Mack, 2b...	4	0	1	4	0	
Sullivan, c...	3	0	1	1	0	Hemder, c...	4	0	2	4	2	
Giebell, p...	3	0	1	1	0	Feller, p...	1	0	0	0	0	
Total	..25	2	3	27	8	Total	..33	0	6	27	11	1
aBatted for Feller in ninth.												
Runs batted in—York 2.												
Two-base hit—Greenberg. Home run—York.												
Stolen base—Bartell. Sacrifice—Feller. Double play—Mack, Boudreau and Trosky. Boudreau, Mack and Trosky. York (unassisted). Boudreau and Trosky. Left on bases—Detroit 4, Cleveland 9.												
Base on balls—Off Giebell 2, Feller 3. Strike out—By Giebell 6, Feller 4. Wild pitch—Giebell.												
Umpires—Summers, Gelsel, Basil and Pigoras.												
Time of game—2:35. Attendance—45,553 (including 15,000 ladies).												